

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. An apparatus for setting and maintaining the  
2 dimensions of a door frame, comprising:  
3 a first head plate;  
4 a first arm connected to said first head plate;  
5 a second head plate;  
6 a second arm connected to said second head plate,  
7 said second arm being adjustably engageable with said  
8 first arm, one of said first arm and said second arm  
9 including a plurality of indexing apertures; and  
10 an adjustment mechanism associated with the other  
11 of said first arm and said second arm, said adjustment  
12 mechanism being retractably engageable with said  
13 plurality of indexing apertures for locking said first  
14 arm in any of a plurality of positions relative to  
15 said second arm, said plurality of positions allowing  
16 the apparatus to be used with door frames having a  
17 plurality of dimensions.

1 2. The apparatus as defined in Claim 1, wherein at  
2 least one of said first arm and said second arm  
3 includes measuring indicia located thereon.

1 3. The apparatus as defined in Claim 2, wherein said  
2 measuring indicia are longitudinally spaced at two-  
3 inch intervals along one of said first arm and said  
4 second arm.

1 4. The apparatus as defined in Claim 1, wherein said  
2 plurality of indexing apertures are diametrically  
3 opposed pairs of indexing apertures.

1 5. The apparatus as defined in Claim 4, wherein said  
2 other of said first arm and said second arm includes a

3 pair of diametrically opposed apertures defined  
4 transversely therethrough, said adjustment mechanism  
5 disposed between said pair of diametrically opposed  
6 apertures, at least a portion of said adjustment  
7 mechanism being biased to retractably extend through  
8 said pair of diametrically opposed apertures and  
9 retractably engage said diametrically opposed pairs of  
10 indexing apertures.

1 6. The apparatus as defined in Claim 1, wherein said  
2 first head plate includes a facing edge defining a  
3 notch in a side opposite said connection to said first  
4 arm, and wherein said second head plate includes a  
5 facing edge defining a notch in a side opposite said  
6 connection to said second arm.

1 7. The apparatus as defined in Claim 6, wherein said  
2 first head plate further includes a positioning finger  
3 extending outward from a side of said facing edge in a  
4 direction opposite said connection to said first arm,  
5 and wherein said second head plate further includes a  
6 positioning finger extending outward from a side of  
7 said facing edge in a direction opposite said  
8 connection to said second arm.

1 8. The apparatus as defined in Claim 6, wherein said  
2 first arm is telescopically engaged with said second  
3 arm, at least a portion of one of said first arm and  
4 said second arm fitting within said other of said  
5 first arm and said second arm.

1 9. An apparatus for setting and maintaining the  
2 dimensions of a door frame, comprising:  
3 a first head plate, wherein said first head plate  
4 includes a facing edge defining a notch and a  
5 positioning finger extending outward from a side of  
6 said facing edge;  
7 a first hollow arm, said first hollow arm having  
8 a first end and a second end, wherein said first end  
9 is connected to said first head plate opposite said  
10 notch;  
11 a second head plate, wherein said second head  
12 plate includes a facing edge defining a notch and a  
13 positioning finger extending outward from a side of  
14 said facing edge;  
15 a second hollow arm, said second hollow arm  
16 having a first end and a second end, wherein said  
17 first end is connected to said second head plate  
18 opposite said notch, and wherein said first hollow arm  
19 and said second hollow arm are telescopically engaged  
20 at said second ends;  
21 a plurality of pairs of diametrically opposed  
22 apertures longitudinally spaced along a length of said  
23 second hollow arm;  
24 measuring indicia located on said second hollow  
25 arm and corresponding to each of said plurality of  
26 pairs of diametrically opposed apertures; and  
27 an adjustment mechanism disposed within said  
28 second end of said first hollow arm, said adjustment  
29 mechanism being biased to retractably engage said  
30 plurality of pairs of diametrically opposed apertures  
31 for locking said first hollow arm in any of a  
32 plurality of positions relative to said second hollow  
33 arm, said plurality of positions allowing the

34 apparatus to be used with door frames having a  
35 plurality of dimensions.

1 10. An apparatus for setting and maintaining the  
2 dimensions of a door frame, comprising:  
3 a first extension assembly, said first extension  
4 assembly including a first head plate, said first head  
5 plate being engageable with a first side of the door  
6 frame;  
7 a second extension assembly, said second  
8 extension assembly including a second head plate, said  
9 second head plate being engageable with a second side  
10 of the door frame opposite said first side of the door  
11 frame, said second extension assembly being adjustably  
12 engageable with said first extension assembly, one of  
13 said first extension assembly and said second  
14 extension assembly including a plurality of indexing  
15 apertures; and  
16 at least one adjustment mechanism associated with  
17 the other of said first extension assembly and said  
18 second assembly, at least a portion of said adjustment  
19 mechanism being biased to retractably extend outward  
20 from said other of said first extension assembly and  
21 said second extension assembly, said adjustment  
22 mechanism being retractably engageable with said  
23 plurality of indexing apertures.

1 11. The apparatus as defined in Claim 10, wherein at  
2 least one of said first extension assembly and said  
3 second extension assembly includes measuring indicia  
4 located thereon.

1 12. The apparatus as defined in Claim 11, wherein  
2 said measuring indicia are longitudinally spaced at

3 two-inch intervals along said one of said first  
4 extension assembly and said second extension assembly.

1 13. The apparatus as defined in Claim 10, wherein  
2 said retractable engagement of said adjustment  
3 mechanism with any of said plurality of indexing  
4 apertures locks said first extension assembly in  
5 position relative to said second extension assembly.

1 14. The apparatus as defined in Claim 10, wherein  
2 said first extension assembly further includes a first  
3 arm, and wherein said second extension assembly  
4 further includes a second arm, said first arm  
5 connected to said first head plate and said second arm  
6 connected to said second head plate.

1 15. The apparatus as defined in Claim 14, wherein  
2 said first head plate includes a facing edge defining  
3 a notch in a side opposite said connection to said  
4 first arm, and wherein said second head plate includes  
5 a facing edge defining a notch in a side opposite said  
6 connection to said second arm.

1 16. The apparatus as defined in Claim 15, wherein  
2 said first head plate further includes a positioning  
3 finger extending outward from a side of said facing  
4 edge in a direction opposite said connection to said  
5 first arm, and wherein said second head plate further  
6 include a positioning finger extending outward from a  
7 side of said facing edge in a direction opposite said  
8 connection to said second arm.

1 17. The apparatus as defined in Claim 15, wherein  
2 said first arm includes a first end and a second end,  
3 and wherein said second arm includes a first end and a

4 second end, said first end of said first arm connected  
5 to said first head plate at a side opposite said notch  
6 and said first end of said second arm connected to  
7 said second head plate at a side opposite said notch,  
8 said second end of said first arm adjustably engaged  
9 with said second end of said second arm.

1 18. The apparatus as defined in Claim 17, wherein at  
2 least one of said first arm and said second arm is  
3 hollow.

1 19. The apparatus as defined in Claim 18, wherein  
2 said hollow arm has an inner diameter greater than an  
3 outer diameter of the other arm of said first arm and  
4 said second arm.

1 20. The apparatus as defined in Claim 19, wherein  
2 said second end of said first arm is telescopically  
3 engaged with said second end of said second arm, at  
4 least a portion of one of said second end of said  
5 first arm and said second end of said second arm  
6 fitting within the other of second end of said first  
7 arm and said second end of said second arm.

1 21. The apparatus as defined in Claim 20, wherein at  
2 least one of said first arm and said second arm  
3 further includes a pair of diametrically opposed  
4 apertures defined transversely through said second  
5 end, said adjustment mechanism disposed between said  
6 pair of diametrically opposed apertures, at least a  
7 portion of said adjustment mechanism being biased to  
8 retractably extend through said pair of diametrically  
9 opposed apertures and retractably engage said  
10 plurality of indexing apertures.

1 22. The apparatus as defined in Claim 21, wherein  
2 said retractable engagement of said adjustment  
3 mechanism with said plurality of indexing apertures  
4 locks said first arm in any of a plurality of  
5 positions relative to said second arm, said plurality  
6 of positions allowing the apparatus to be used with  
7 door frames having a plurality of dimensions.

1 23. The apparatus as defined in Claim 10, wherein  
2 said plurality of indexing apertures are diametrically  
3 opposed pairs of indexing apertures longitudinally  
4 spaced at two-inch intervals along a length of at  
5 least one of said first extension assembly and said  
6 second extension assembly.

1 24. A method for setting and maintaining the  
2 dimensions of a door frame, comprising the steps of:  
3       positioning and anchoring a first sidewall of the  
4 door frame to a surface;  
5       abutting a first head plate of a door frame  
6 setter apparatus against said first sidewall of the  
7 door frame;  
8       extending said door frame setter apparatus to a  
9 precise, predetermined length in accordance with  
10 measuring indicia present upon said door frame setter  
11 apparatus;  
12       abutting a second sidewall of the door frame  
13 against a second head plate of said door frame setter  
14 apparatus; and  
15       anchoring said second sidewall of the door frame  
16 to said surface, said second sidewall being positioned  
17 at a precise separation from said first sidewall, as  
18 established by said door frame setter apparatus.